# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, John Fraser Hart, Professor of Geography at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Navy Veteran of World War II, and a great supporter of the state of South Dakota; and,

***Whereas***, Professor Hart presented 38 out of 42 meetings of the South Dakota State Geography Convention, and helped establish the annual event as a national professional meeting; and,

***Whereas***, Professor Hart served as Executive Director of the *Association of American Geographers* (AAG) in 1965, editor of the *Annals of Association of American Geographers*, 1970-1975, and President of the *Association of American Geographers*, 1979-1980; and,

***Whereas***, Professor Hart authored or co-authored ten books on geography and numerous professional journal articles, with special emphasis on rural and agricultural related subjects, and provided insightful ideas from his research about the changing nature of Corn Belt farming; and,

***Whereas,*** Professor Hart provided a model of how to conduct field work, introduced generations of South Dakota State University (SDSU) students to the joy of regional geography, demonstrated effective professional presentation styles to SDSU students, spent countless hours interacting with SDSU geography students, and demonstrated how an irrepressible sense of humor can support professional achievement; and,

***Whereas,*** Professor Hart is being honored at the 42nd South Dakota State Geography Convention for his dedication, selfless service, and leadership:

***Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2011, as

## *JOHN FRASER HART DAY*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth-second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

**Attest:**

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State